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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Man with Methamphetamine Sentenced to 15-Years

(U) According to authorities, a man caught driving with 14 foil-wrapped burrito-shaped packages that contained more than 13-pounds of methamphetamine was sentenced on 8 July to 15-years in federal prison. Ricardo Renteria, 48, of Colton, was arrested in February 2018 after Los Angeles police pulled him over for erratic driving. Authorities searched Renteria's vehicle and found the bags of burrito-disguised meth stashed in a garbage bag on the floor of the backseat, and later found a fully loaded handgun hidden in a compartment near the driver's seat. Renteria was found guilty of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

SOURCE: 8 July 2019, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Yuba City – Suspects Arrested after Assaulting Witness of Sikh Parade Sword Attack

(U) Police arrested four people and are seeking five additional suspects after a witness in an attempted homicide at Yuba City's 2018 Sikh Parade was attacked. At the city's annual parade in November 2018, a victim was left with several lacerations to his face and a leg wound when he was attacked by three men who had swords and brass knuckles. According to reports by the Yuba City Police Department a large fight broke out in early June 2019 between a group of men at the local store. At one point, officers learned nine people had attacked someone who witnessed the attempted homicide at last year's Sikh Parade. The attackers told the witness he was not to testify in the investigation before assaulting him.

SOURCE: 8 July 2019, [FOX 40](#)

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(U) Texas – Houston Man Accused of Trying to Join ISIS Pleads Guilty

(U) Houston – A Texas man who planned to travel overseas and shared information on making bombs and using machetes has pled guilty to trying to join ISIS on 8 July. Kaan Serkan Damlarkaya of Houston was arrested in December 2017 following an undercover FBI investigation. He remains in custody pending sentencing in Houston and faces up to 20-years in federal prison. According to investigators Damlarkaya shared information on making and using weapons with people he thought also supported ISIS.

SOURCE: 8 July 2019, [Houston Chronicle](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – US CBP Seize Cargo Ship Involved in 20-ton Cocaine Bust

(U) Philadelphia – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents assigned to the Port of Philadelphia seized the MSC Gayane Thursday following a record seizure of 20-tons of cocaine on 17 June. The CBP and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) led multi-agency team, detected anomalies in seven shipping containers and extracted 39,525-pounds of cocaine. The cocaine has a street value of about \$1.3 billion. On 4 July, CBP executed the warrant and seized the MSC Gayane, which is regarded as the largest ship ever seized by the agency.

SOURCE: 8 July 2019, [CBP](#)

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(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Brazil – Brazilian Police Arrest Major Italian Drug Leader**

(U) Rio de Janeiro – According to Brazilian authorities, two alleged major Italian drug traffickers were arrested for extradition on 8 July. The federal police said the two are suspected of working for the South American branch of the 'Ndrangheta crime cartel based in Calabria in southern Italy. Italian officials confirmed the men's identities as Nicola Assisi and his son Patrick. According to authorities, 'Ndrangheta is the one of the main criminal organizations specialized in exporting cocaine from South America to Europe. The statement said the two suspects have been fugitives from Italy's justice system since 2014 and had lived in Portugal and Argentina using fake documents before coming Brazil. Italy's ANSA news agency said the men have been sentenced to 30-years in prison.

SOURCE: 8 July 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Malaysia – Authorities Detain Four Foreigners Due to Alleged Links with Militant Groups

(U) Kuala Lumpur – According to police, Malaysia has detained four foreigners, including two from Myanmar, on suspicion of being involved in militant groups. Those two suspects were detained for providing support to the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), the insurgent group said to be behind terror attacks in 2017. One of the suspects, a 41-year-old construction worker, had also issued a death threat against Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a video uploaded on social media. The third suspect detained was a 54-year-old Philippine national with alleged ties to Abu Sayyaf and is also suspected of being involved in kidnapping activities in the waters of Sabah state, south of the Philippines. The fourth suspect was a 24-year-old Indian national who had allegedly acted as a facilitator to a senior member of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), a Sikh separatist group.

SOURCE: 9 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Puerto Rico – \$3.7 Million Seized Inside Abandoned Vessel

(U) Fajardo – US CBP, along with agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), seized \$3.7 million in undeclared currency found inside five duffle bags on board of an abandoned vessel near the coast of Fajardo on 7 July. US CBP Air and Marine Operations (AMO) Marine Interdiction agents (MIAs) detected a vessel navigating without lights moving east from Fajardo towards the US Virgin Islands. The MIAs, Border Patrol Agents, and DEA Special Agents pursued the vessel and its occupants, who were seen unloading duffle bags from the vessel, immediately abandoning their cargo and absconding. The agents found five abandoned duffle bags containing bulk US currency. The undeclared currency totaled \$3,700,000.

SOURCE: 8 July 2019, [CBP](#)

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